REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-11 and 13-17 are pending in this application. Claims 1-11 and 13-15 are amended, claim 12 is cancelled without traverse or prejudice, and new claims 16 and 17 have been added.

The claims have been amended to more particularly and clearly recite the invention. For example, independent claim 1 has been amended incorporate the subject matter of dependent claims 3 and 7 in rewritten form. Independent claim 4 has been amended to incorporate subject matter of dependent claims 6 and 9 in rewritten form, and independent claim 11 has been amended to incorporate subject matter of dependent claim 12 in rewritten form. The dependent claims have been also amended to more clearly define the subject matter of the invention.

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Myung (U.S. Patent No. 2002/0135544 A1) in view of Moon (U.S. Patent No. 6,384,802 B1). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Myung is not a valid reference under 35 U.S.C. §103(c), because Myung is a 35 U.S.C. §102(e) reference based on a publication, and as set forth under 35 U.S.C. §103(c), a reference assigned to the same assignee cannot be used. Myung is assigned to LG Electronics Inc., which is the same assignee of this application. Hence, Myung cannot be relied upon in rejecting these claims.

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Further, Moon does not disclose or teach the claimed features. The Patent Office relies upon Figure 20 for disclosing the claimed features. However, as described at column 4, lines 64-67, and column 15, lines 4-8, of Moon, the pulses described in Figure 20 are sustaining pulses for causing a sustaining discharge. In other words, such pulses are provided during the sustain period and not during an initialization period, as recited in the amended independent claims.

Because Myung is not a valid reference and Moon fails to disclose or teach the claimed subject matter, withdrawal of this §103 rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this,

concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and

please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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